

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the specification, please amend the last paragraph on page 40 beginning with “A polynucleotide (8) includes a polynucleotide.....” with the following paragraph in its entirety:

A polynucleotide (8) includes a polynucleotide of other species corresponding, for example, to a human polynucleotide. Such a polynucleotide can be screened for using NCBI blast search (~~www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/~~). Typically, ~~the~~ a nucleotide sequence containing the nucleotide Nos[.] residues 289 to 378 ~~in~~ of SEQ ID No:2 is subjected to an NCBI blast search ~~whereby searching to thereby search~~ the nucleotide sequence database of other species and an EST database for a sequence having a high homology. By screening the nucleotide sequences selected by the search for a nucleotide sequence whose region corresponding to the nucleotide Nos[.] residues 289 to 378 has a homology for example of 90% or more, a corresponding gene of other species can be screened for.